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Cost Management Steering Group (CMSG)
Meeting Summary and Actions

12 August 2015, Pentagon, Gardner Conference Room (3D684)

Principal Attendees (In Person): Mr. Mullins (ALT), Mr. Barth (CE), Mr. Cramer (IE&E), Mr. Angers (M&RA), BG Wojtecki (USARNG), LTC Lawrence (G1), Mr. Bechtel (G3/5/7), Mr. Hagler (G4), Ms. Kirkland (G6), Ms. Kolesar (G8), Mr. Robinson (ACSIM), BG Komar (OBT), Mr. Miller (USACE), Mr. Welch (ABO).

(VTC/Telecom): Mr. Graham (FORSCOM), Ms. Helmerson (TRADOC), Ms. Goodyear (AMC), Ms. Provines (USARPAC), Mr. Spears (USAREUR), Mr. O'Neil (MEDCOM), Ms. Weaver (ATEC), Mr. Morthland (IMCOM), Mr. Henry (OCAR/USARC), Ms. Laden (USARCYBER), Ms. Casciaro (AAA).

Meeting Summary:

The CMSG Chair welcomed all members to the CMSG and stated that future meetings would incorporate more Cost Management (CM) shaping and less CM information. After opening remarks, agenda topics were reviewed and discussed, starting with action updates from the 3rd QTR FY15 meeting: The Cost Management Strategic Implementation Plan (CMSIP) was approved for publication with agreement that the metrics appendix will be revised as the Army Financial Management Optimization (AFMO) initiative matures. The CMSG will review and comment on The Army Standard Labor Time Tracking Study Plan and may convene an ad hoc CMSG, as the Study Advisory Group, in September. CMSG members will identify Army training courses (financial management and operational) where CM should be integrated. Cost Managed Organizations (CMO) will begin an ad hoc working group on 25 Aug. After the action updates, ATEC gave an overview on their use of GFEBs with respect to CM business practices. Next an AFMO update was given emphasizing Army cost framework efforts; an example on framework methodology was presented with a case study on the cost of recruiting. Finally GFEBBS/GCSS-A Cost Center Federation was discussed and the importance of utilizing the federated cost centers and removing any unused cost centers was emphasized. In closing, the chair thanked all for participating and stressed that the following sessions would be used to steer CM policy, strategy, guidance and needs.

Actions:

- CMSIP WG – (Lead, DASA-CE): Incorporate AFMO tasks into the CMSIP metrics.
- CM Training – (Lead, DASA-CE): Develop template for functional components to add CM training to established courses.
- CMO – (Lead, DASA-CE): Establish WG and present initial CMO concept at next CMSG.
- AFMO – (Lead, DASA-CE): Develop Army Cost Framework Blueprinting Template.

Way Ahead:

The next quarterly CMSG meeting will take place on 18 November 2015 (T). Members are encouraged to provide CM topics for discussion. Following meetings will be focused less on CM information and more on shaping Army CM policy, strategy, and needs.

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